

REPORTS AGAINST CHANGE IN CREED

Committee Favors Retention of Words "Holy Catholic Church."

TO NAME BISHOPS ON NEXT MONDAY

Seven New Members of Episcopacy Will Probably Be Chosen. Miller-Curtiss Bill in Congress Indorsed—No Change in Administration of Sacraments.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Asheville, N. C., May 12.—The attendance on the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is increasing daily, and by far the largest audience of the session was present to-day.

The committee on episcopacy is holding afternoon and night sessions, and a member stated to-night that interesting developments may be expected at to-morrow's session of the conference. It is rumored that the committee will advise the election of seven new bishops, and that two of the present college will be superannuated.

Three items of special interest were acted upon by the conference to-day, in addition to the transaction of much business of rather a routine nature. Early in the session a resolution was adopted fixing Monday morning next at 10 o'clock, as the time for beginning the election of bishops, and other constitutional officers of the church. The resolution provided also that the election be continued until completed. It is believed that this election will occupy a greater part of the session of two days, owing to the division of choice among the delegates as to those to be chosen for the episcopacy. An amendment to the resolution was offered, naming Wednesday instead of Monday, as the time for this election, but the original resolution was adopted by a very large majority.

When Wednesday was suggested, one delegate arose and said he desired to remind the conference that Wednesday was the day fixed for the coming to strike the earth. Bishop A. W. Wilson was presiding, and he remarked: "Yes, and it may strike some of you." One reason for trying to defer the election of bishops is that, as was stated on the conference floor to-day, many of the delegates will leave as soon as the election is over, and before action is taken on a number of important reports, which are now on the calendar, and which will be taken up in their regular order.

Lively Discussion Expected. The special committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement submitted a report, which when taken from the calendar, is likely to provoke one of the liveliest discussions that will take place on the floor of the conference. The report recommends in the future the annual conference consist of one layman from each pastoral charge, and further, that in the general conference a layman be placed on each one of the standing committees. No layman, as the law now stands, is appointed on the committee on episcopacy, and the committee on missions, which is considered the most important of the general conference committees.

The other item of special interest in to-day's proceedings was the adoption of a report of the committee on temperance and social reform, which, in substance, recommended that the Virginia Conference, and others, protesting against the interstate shipment of liquor and praying Congress to pass without delay the Miller-Curtiss bill, now pending in the Congress of the United States. The report recommended also that a copy of the same be sent to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report was adopted by rising vote.

C. Clement, of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, fraternal messenger from that church, delivered his address, and Bishop Hendrix responded to the same.

To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock was fixed as the time for hearing the address of Rev. M. Hori, fraternal messenger from the United Methodist Church in Japan, and Friday evening was fixed as the time for hearing the addresses of the fraternal messengers of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Interesting Reports Made. The committee on revisions reported non-concurrence regarding the petition for the publication of the old order of worship in the Methodist hymn book in parallel columns with the new order; non-concurrence in the petition to change the discipline so as to require the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be administered once during every quarter, instead of once each month; non-concurrence in the petition to change the wording of the Apostles' Creed so that the words "Church of God" will take the place of the "Holy Catholic Church"; non-concurrence in the petition for each pastoral charge to elect as many stewards as may desire; and non-concurrence in the petitions for special sermons on Sabbath observance at stated times.

A resolution was adopted recommending contributions from the members of the church to the memorial to the late Bishop V. W. Duncan now being established in Fort Worth in honor of his work in the interest of Sabbath observance.

The secretary read the report of W. T. Lambeth, fraternal messenger to the colored church, Methodist Episcopal Church, during the general conference of that church held in Augusta this week. The most interesting item in the report was that the negro conference promised at this conference to establish a mission in Africa. W. T. Lambeth read the report of the commission from this church, which took part in the organization of the United Methodist Church in Japan in 1907. A special committee of

LONG ISLAND WINS

America's First International Aviation Meet Will Be Held There.

New York, May 12.—America's first international aviation meet for the championship of the world will be held on Long Island.

St. Louis, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, Seattle and Washington and Baltimore, in partnership, have been interested bidders for the contest, but the Aero Club of America, after several months of deliberation, finally selected New York because it believes the transportation lines here are better equipped to handle large crowds, and secure foreign aviators have signed a disinclination to undertake the expense of a long land trip after crossing the ocean.

The exact site for the course has not been definitely chosen, but it will be somewhere on the Hempstead Plains, Long Island, just outside the limits of New York City. The course will be triangular in shape, three miles long over all, and a huge grandstand will be built for the enormous crowds that are expected.

The races will be conducted by the International Aeronautic Federation, of which the Aero Club of America is a member, and will last for a week. The main contest, for the world's championship and the Gordon Bennett trophy, has been scheduled for October 23.

The rules of the federation provide that the races shall be held each year in the country of the victor. Last year Glenn H. Curtiss, of Hammondsport, N. Y., won the championship and the James Gordon Bennett trophy, together with a cash prize of \$5,000, as a representative of the Aero Club of America, at the international meet at Rheims, France, and this year the club's representatives will defend it on their own territory.

For the Gordon Bennett trophy the distance raced is twenty kilometers, or 12.42 miles. Curtiss covered it last year in the record time of 15 minutes 59.3 seconds. Defending champion, Louis F. Fournier, of France, and Cecil Cookburn, of England.

The cup was founded in December, 1905, and under the rules any country challenging or defending may enter three contestants. Many foreign aviators are expected to challenge this year, as, under an agreement entered into between the Aero Club of America and the Wright brothers, the latter have the right to challenge in events sanctioned by the club.

137 DEAD IN MINE

Fire Cuts Off All Hope of Further Rescue.

Manchester, Eng., May 12.—One hundred and thirty-seven miners lost their lives to-day in an explosion in the Wellin mine, near White Haven. Rescue parties succeeded in saving four men, but fire has broken out in the workings, leaving practically no hope for the others. The explosion occurred at 10 o'clock, and the rescue parties made considerable progress in the mine, but their work was stopped to-night by the collapse of the roof.

The spot where the eighty-five hewers and some fifty odd shiftmen, still imprisoned, were working, is about three miles from the shaft exit. Distracted crowds of relatives surrounded the pit head, and the scene was distressing. The colliery is owned by the Earl of Lonsdale, and its workings extend four and a half miles beneath the sea. A curious fact is that a colliery warning was published in many of the newspapers in the mining districts of the kingdom yesterday, to the effect that unusually high barometric conditions rendered fire-damp explosions extremely probable, and that all underground workings should be on the alert. The barometer reached its highest reading in the White Haven district.

HEAVY RAINS INTERFERE

They Seriously Delay Work of Diggers on Isthmian Canal.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Heavy rainfalls on the Isthmus of Panama, according to a cable report made to the Washington office of the Isthmian Canal Committee by Colonel Goethals, the chief excavation for the month of April was 62,468 cubic yards, against 2,657,473 yards in the previous month, but the rainfall for April was 108.5 inches, against 4.5 inches in March. Severe rainfall, the canal workers have had to contend with the fact that they are not nearer the bottom of the excavation than they were at the beginning of the month. Dams of the canal in April, 95,120 yards, a steady increase in the amount of work done, but the heavy rains and dams of the canal in April, 95,120 cubic yards of concrete having been laid, against 90,502 yards in March.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Senator Daniel's Strength Is Increasing and Condition Is Good.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lynchburg, Va., May 12.—Dr. Waugh's bulletin concerning Senator Daniel's condition at 9 o'clock to-night is as follows: "Senator Daniel is doing well to-night, as well as could be expected. His improvement of the past four or five days is gratifying. He has succeeded in getting more evidence of returning memory from him to-night than at any other time previously. He is now able to read and repeat entirely or in most part, quotations from six or eight different authors. His strength is increasing more rapidly than it has at any time during his illness."

WELCOME FOR COMET

Sky Wanderer Will Be Received by School Children.

New York, May 12.—When Halley's comet dawns on the horizon to-morrow morning, a party of school children will be waiting to give it an official welcome. Fifty pupils of one of the large public schools in New York are to be permitted to observe the comet from Central Park at 3:30 A. M. to observe the comet from one of the park's towers.

SPEND NIGHT IN STREAM

Refugees Take to Water to Escape Forest Fires.

Duluth, Minn., May 12.—Bareheaded, with clothing scorched and their hair and eyebrows singed, a party of refugees arrived in Grand Marais to-day, after spending the night in the bed of a stream to escape forest fires. At Duluth they were compelled to submerge themselves in water. The fire burned about 10,000 worth of lumber owned by the Schroeder Lumber Company.

Special Notice.—C. & O. Sunday Outings to Norfolk and Beaches commence Sunday, May 15. Two trains, 8:30 A. M. and 9 A. M.

GERMAN SCHOLARS HONOR ROOSEVELT

He Receives Degree From University of Berlin.

KAISER LISTENS TO HIS LECTURE

Ex-President Warmly Congratulated by Germany's Ruler. Noted Schoolmen and Statesmen Present When Degree Is Conferred With Impressive Ceremony.

Berlin, May 12.—Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, delivered a lecture to-day on the topic, "The World Movement," at the University of Berlin, and received from the university the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Emperor William honored the occasion with his presence. It was the first time that His Majesty had graced a conferment, and the courtesy was significant in view of the fact that the German court is in mourning for the monarch's uncle, King Edward.

The ceremony of conferring the degree was simple and impressive. There were no flags nor emblems of royalty and the government, and the walls of the auditorium were bare save for the rows of busts of Germany's famous scholars and scientists. The only touch of color was furnished by the uniforms of the university with their robes of scarlet and blue and the five heads of the students' corps, who wore blue jackets, white breeches, jack boots and particularized sashes.

Many Nobles Present.

Four hundred guests of the university who held cards of admission were seated in the lecture hall. Accompanying Roosevelt, entered from a side door of the hall. As they appeared the university choir chanted "Hail dir Seiger Kranz." The two were followed by Emperor Augustus, Prince and Princess August Frederick, Prince and Princess August Wilhelm, Prince Adalbert, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt. This party took seats which had been reserved on the platform. Surrounding them were the German ambassador, Dr. Hill and Mrs. Hill, the other ambassadors and their wives, Henry White, formerly American ambassador to France, and Mrs. White; Seth Low, and Mrs. Low; American Consul-General T. St. John Gannett, American consul-general at Dresden; Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg; Foreign Minister von Schoon and the members of the Cabinet.

On either side of this block of chairs were the German nobles, including Colonel Roosevelt occupied a seat at the reading desk, and at his side stood the heads of the student corps, drawn up in a single line. A guard of honor remained standing and almost immovable for the three hours of the lecture and ceremony.

The auditorium, owing to its capacity of 1,200 persons by the faculty of the university, students and guests.

Outline of His Life. Rector Frick Schmidt outlined the program by giving an outline of the life of Mr. Roosevelt from the time that he was a delicate child until he became an American citizen. When he had finished this sketch he introduced the former President, who received most sympathetically.

Mr. Roosevelt appeared rugged and in the pink of physical condition. His voice, husky at first, gained steadily in clearness as he proceeded, and he was able to deliver his complete written thesis of 9,000 words, and to which he added extemporaneously from time to time by way of emphasis and explanation.

The Emperor took occasion to congratulate Colonel Roosevelt upon his lecture and his delivery, and the latter responded by thanking the Emperor for the honor.

Mr. Roosevelt and Kermit were guests to-night of the von Bethmann-Hollweg at a dinner at the chancellery's palace. The others present included many noted in official and commercial circles.

Mr. Roosevelt displayed the greatest interest in Bismarck's working and living apartments. A reception hall, the dinner room, the study, the members of the Reichstag and Landtag being presented to the former President.

BANKER IS INDICTED

Former Treasurer Is Held for Embezzlement of \$10,000.

Worcester, Mass., May 12.—John A. Hall, former treasurer of the South Bridge Savings Bank, of South Bridge, was to-day indicted by the grand jury on charges of embezzling \$10,000 from the bank. The grand jury found the indictment against Hall on the basis of a report made by the bank's auditors, who have reported a shortage exceeding \$800,000.

Twenty Houses Are Destroyed and Foreman Is Missing. Logansport, Ind., May 12.—Three hundred pounds of powder stored in the magazine of the Casparis Stone Company at Kenneth, Ind., seven miles west of here, exploded to-night, destroying about twenty residences of the town. John Elroy, in charge of the magazine, cannot be found, and is believed to have been blown to atoms. Houses in the town were badly damaged, and the explosion could be felt for miles in every direction.

TRAGIC OUTING IN LEAKY CRAFT

Eight Students Lose Lives When Pleasure Boat Goes Down.

BOY HERO DIES IN GIVING AID

Of Dozen High School Pupils Who Go for Row on Old Mill Dam, Only Four Reach Shore in Safety—Members of Party Terror Stricken. None Near to Assist.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 12.—Eight High School students, six girls and two boys, whose ages ranged from sixteen to eighteen years, lost their lives to-day while boating on what is known as the Old Paper Mill Dam, at Huntington Mills, about twenty miles below this city, in the lower end of Luzerne county. The dead are:

Maud Sullivan, Town Line. Carolyn Koons, Harveyville. Ruth Bonham, Town Line. Iris Davenport, Waterville. Rachel Thompson, Town Hill. Adeline Goad, Waterville. Robert Minich, Keokville. Ray Dodson, Fairmount.

Twelve students of the Huntington High School secured two boats at the noon hour and started for a row on the dam. When the two crafts had reached the center of the body of water it was noticed that one of them had sprung a leak. The two boats were then pulled together and an effort was being made to transfer the girls from the leaky boat to the safer craft.

The last one of the party had scarcely set foot in the boat when it began to sink, owing to the combined weight of the party. The girls were helpless to save themselves, and the boys of the party, with the exception of Dodson, being expert swimmers, struck out for the shore, which all reached in safety.

Sacrifices His Life.

Minich, in the excitement, it is presumed, thought that all the young women had succeeded in reaching land. He had no sooner gained the bank than he noticed the girls hanging to the rapidly sinking boat. The boy dashed into the water and swam swiftly to the water-filled craft. Only two girls were clinging to the boat, the others having gone down for the last time. Seizing Miss Davenport, Minich again started for the shore, but the exertion was too much for him, and he sank. The boys went down together when they were within a stone's throw of the bank.

As soon as the sound craft began to fill with water, it appeared as though every member became terror stricken. The shrieks of the drowning girls could be plainly heard on the bank of the dam, but there was no one to go to the rescue of the imperiled party. The terrible accident has cast a gloom over the lower end of Luzerne county, where the families of all the victims are prominent.

Three of those who were drowned were high school graduates this summer, young Minich, and the Misses Bonham and Goad. As soon as the accident became known, hundreds of persons began a search for the bodies. Strangely enough, those of Minich and Miss Davenport were the first recovered. After grappling for less than two hours, all the bodies were recovered. Not one of the parents of the drowned girls knew of the accident until all the bodies had been brought to shore.

CHIVALRY IS FATAL

Women, Allowed to Precede Men, Go to Their Death.

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—Chivalry that allowed women passengers to precede the men in leaving the river steamer Salado last night when the boat ran on a rock and foundered in the Mississippi River at Glen Park, Mo., cost the lives of five women and a baby and saved the gallant men.

According to a statement made to-night by Captain Crane, of the Salado, Glen Park is located about four miles south of St. Louis. Altogether twelve persons were drowned.

The boat carried twenty-seven passengers, most of whom are children, and a crew of thirty. She left St. Louis at 7 o'clock, with a heavy cargo, including cattle and live stock, and the voyage was considered precarious because of the great amount of driftwood floating in the river, due to the annual spring rise. The boat was thrown against a rock by the swift current, two hours after the start from the wharf here.

When the vessel struck the rock and sank, twenty feet of water, the greatest confusion prevailed. The noise of rending timbers, shrieks of women and children, and the pellowing of the cattle, mingled with the cries of the crew.

Passengers and members of the crew clung to the timbers, while those more fortunate leapt their aid immediately to the rescue of the helpless. The rescued were taken to the Glenroe Company's wharf, where they were held.

The city of Salado was built at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1892, and was 200 feet long, thirty-seven feet wide, and drew six and a half feet. At the time of the accident she was bound for Waterloo, Ala., on the Tennessee River.

Mistake in Orders. Of the six men drowned, five were shipmen, who lost their lives in aiding passengers to escape. Captain Crane said that the loss of life was due to the mistake of ordering the passengers to hurry from the sinking boat when it was near land.

Leader Among Piano Makers



FRANK C. DECKER, President of the National Piano Manufacturers Association of America, who urges support of President Taft's administration and indorses ship subsidy.

HEINZE JUBILANT OVER ACQUITTAL

Young Millionaire Is Found Not Guilty by Federal Jury.

DEALINGS HELD LEGAL

Attempt to Prove Him Gambler With Others' Money Fails. Ingloriously.

New York, May 12.—Fritz Augustus Heinze was acquitted in New York of charges of misapplying the funds of the Mercantile National Bank, while he was president of that institution in 1907; and he was cleared of the charge of overcertifying the checks of his brother's firm, Otto Heinze & Co. A jury in the criminal branch of the United States Circuit Court, after a trial lasting nearly three weeks, found him not guilty at 9:50 o'clock to-night, and he was discharged.

Thus failed ingloriously the Federal government's attempt to hold Heinze responsible for financing, during the panic of three years ago, alleged to be in violation of the national banking laws, notwithstanding the prosecution's vigorous attempt to prove him a gambler with millions not his own.

John B. Stanchfield defended the young millionaire. Henry A. Wise, United States Attorney for this district, fought to convict him. Mr. Stanchfield summed up for the defense this morning, and Mr. Wise denounced the morning, and Mr. Heinze, jubilant, issued this statement to-night.

"I am greatly pleased with the verdict, but not at all surprised. The thing I most regret is the long delay in bringing the case to trial. This delay has cost me between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Possibly some persons will be anxious to see me convicted with this as though I had been found guilty, for the ruination of my credit seems to have been one of the objects most vigorously aimed at.

"I appreciate the loyalty of my friends who have stuck to me through it all and regret exceedingly the temporary loss which they have suffered in the depreciation in the price of the securities in which I have been interested."

Asylum P. Heinze, a brother of the defendant, called Mr. Wise a liar in court this afternoon, thereby furnishing the only real spectacular incident of the trial. For his remark, he was promptly ejected from the courtroom, and he showed his face to the anger and emotion. His wife, who also had been an interested auditor, followed him.

BIDS ARE RECEIVED

Builders of "Northland" May Be Decided Saturday.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Bids have been received by the Washington and Norfolk Steamboat Company for the construction of a new steamer, to be known as the Northland, from four shipbuilding companies. These bids will be opened at a meeting of the board of directors of the company to be held here Saturday.

The company are the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, the Maryland Steel Company, the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company and the New York Shipbuilding Company, of Camden, N. J.

The lowest bid was submitted by the Newport News Company, which, it is expected, will be awarded the formal contract Saturday. Ten months is the time to be allowed for the completion of the boat. She will be practically a counterpart of the Southland, having a few more modern equipments. The Newport News Company built the Southland.

PIANO MAKERS ASKED TO UPHOLD TAFT'S POLICIES

President Decker Urges Patience on Part of Public.

GOOD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEET

Indorsement of Ship Subsidy to Be Considered—Contest Over Place of Next Meeting. Prominent Englishman Guest of Body—Annual Dinner To-Night.

Urging patience with existing political conditions, and advising moral support of the administration of President Taft, the reading of the annual report of President Frank C. Decker to the opening session of the National Piano Manufacturers' Association of America yesterday proved of more than ordinary interest to his hearers, whether they agreed with him or not. He took the position that the people of the nation should not be hasty in their judgment of the President and his course, believing it to be the best interest of the whole American people, and therefore of the piano trade, to give cordial support to the administration.

President Decker also came out plainly for a ship subsidy policy and urged the association to indorse the Humphrey bill, which has already been done by the executive committee at a meeting held in January. The interest of the piano makers in this proposition is the desire to develop trade with South America and Australia. Under existing conditions, American-built pianos have to go to Europe on the way to South America, and it is believed that with encouragement to American shipping, lines of freight steamers would be run direct, giving manufacturers on this side of the water a better chance in competition with those of Europe.

For Inland Waterways.

A third item of interest in the president's annual address was indorsement of the project of a national system of inland waterways.

In explanation of the statement regarding President Taft, Mr. Decker said that neither he nor the association had any desire to go into politics. He was giving his opinion of what was best for the country. It is probable that the points in the report, especially that in relation to ship subsidy, will come up for consideration by the association to-day.

Fully 200 piano makers and supply men are already at the Jefferson Hotel. With the women of their parties, the total reaches 250. All of these, practically all, will remain for the big meeting of the National Association of Piano Dealers of the United States next week. The latter body will bring not less than 1,500 people to Richmond. A third section, the smallest of the three, is that of the National Association of Piano Salesmen, which will meet Saturday afternoon. Frank P. Edgar, of Meriden, Conn., secretary of the latter body, arrived last night. The Association of Manufacturers has 116 members, but some of these houses have sent two or more representatives, making the number in attendance larger than the actual membership.

Some of the men now in the city have names which are household words because of their connection with their products. Among these are: Jesse French, of St. Louis, with Mrs. French; J. H. Estey, of Brattleboro, Vt.; Roy E. East, of England, president of the Piano Manufacturers' Association of Great Britain. Sir Herbert, with his family, landed in New York Wednesday on the steamship Caronia, of the Cunard Line. He is well known among the trade in this country, and is expected to be called on to speak to the piano makers and to respond to a toast at the banquet to-night.

Another prominent man is E. S. Conway, of Chicago. Mr. Conway is regarded as the leader in the piano trade of his city. He is chairman of the Cook County Republican Committee, and is prominently mentioned for the office of United States Senator, having been a candidate at the time of the election of William Lorimer. He is a former president of the association.

The chairman of the press committee is Richard W. Lawrence, of New York. Mr. Lawrence knows the newspaper game and can tell a reporter just what he wants to know. He is secretary of the Northern Board of Trade of New York City.

Routine Business.

The first meeting of the Piano Manufacturers' Association was held in Room No. 630, in the Jefferson Hotel, at 3:30 yesterday afternoon. No business was transacted save the reading of the reports of the president, the secretary, the treasurer and the executive committee. All of these, save that of the treasurer, related purely to details of business. The association already has transacted some of the manufacturers in the country, and consequently does not increase much in membership. The reports showed that there is no fiction anywhere, all the members working for the success of the trade.

Two business meetings will be held to-day, A. M. and 2 P. M. To-night the annual informal subscription dinner will take place. It will be followed by addresses from the leading members.

The manufacturers' meeting closes to-morrow with the election of officers. It has been customary to follow the plan of rotation in this matter, the